

THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian.
Rev. George L. Curtis, Pastor. Sun-
day services: Morning worship 10.30
Sabbath-school, 12.10. Christian Endeav-
or, 7.00. Evening worship, 7.45 o'clock.
Prayer-meeting each Wednesday night.

Westminster Church.
Rev. George A. Paul, Pastor. Divine
Worship at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M.
Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's
Prayer Meeting at 8.45 P. M. A cordial
welcome to all.

First Methodist Episcopal.
Rev. Dr. C. B. Woodruff, pastor.
Men's meeting, Mizpah Brotherhood
at 10.45 A. M. Church Services at 10.30
A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at
12 M. Vesper service Epworth League
at 7 P. M. Tuesday evening's classes
meet at 8 P. M. Wednesday evening
prayer service at 8 P. M. Friday after-
noon at 3 o'clock Junior Epworth
League.

German Presbyterian.
Sunday services: Preaching by the pas-
tor, Rev. Emil J. Buttinghausen, at
10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school
at 12.15 P. M. Prayer-meeting, Tuesday
at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Fri-
day, at 8 P. M. Young Men's Christian
Association meets on Thursday eve-
nings at 8 P. M.

First Baptist Church.
Rev. Fred W. Bule, pastor. Sab-
bath preaching services at 10.30 A. M.
and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M.
Young Men's Prayer and Soul Winner's
Circle, Sabbath at 6.45 P. M. Christian
Endeavor, meeting Tuesday at 8 P. M.
General Prayer and Conference meeting
Wednesday at 8 P. M. Junior Endeavor
Friday at 3.30 P. M. Everybody wel-
come. All seats free.

Glen Ridge Congregational.
Corner of Ridgewood Avenue and
Clark Street. Rev. Elliott Wilber
Brown, D. D., pastor. Sunday morning
worship at 10.45; Sunday-school, 12 M.;
Young People's Society of Christian
Endeavor, 7 P. M.; Evening worship at
7.45; Church prayer-meeting Wednes-
day at 8 o'clock.

Watson's M. E. Church.
Rev. S. Trevena Jackson, Ph. D., Pas-
tor. Devotional Meeting, 9.30 A. M.;
Preaching, 10.30 A. M., subject, "Good
Cheer." Sunday-school at 2.30 P. M.;
Epworth League, at 6.30 P. M. Preach-
ing at 7.30 P. M., subject, "Does Death
End All?"

Church of the Sacred Heart.
The Rev. J. M. Nardello, pastor.
First Mass, 8.30 A. M. Mass and sermon,
8.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon, 10.30
A. M. Sunday-school, 3 P. M. Vesper
service, 3.30 P. M.

Christ Episcopal.
Corner Bloomfield and Park Avenues.
The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector.
SUNDAY SERVICES:
Celebration of Holy Communion, 8 A. M.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M.
Sunday-school at 2.45 A. M.
Choral Evensong, 4.30 P. M.

East Orange Baptist Church.
Prospect Street. Services at 11 o'clock
A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday School at
2.30 P. M. Prayer-meeting at 7.45 Fri-
day evening.

Montgomery Chapel.
Wilson S. Phares, Superintendent.
Preaching every Sunday evening at 8
o'clock. Service of Song at 7.45 P. M.
Sunday-school at 8 P. M. Young People's
meeting at 7.15 P. M.
During the week the gymnasium and
reading-room will be open for prayer
and study on Monday, Tuesday,
and Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 10
P. M. and on Saturday afternoon from
2.30 to 5.30 P. M. for ladies and girls on
Thursday evening from 7.30 to 10 P. M.
Montgomery Chapel Cadets will drill on
Friday evening.

Unity Church, Unitarian.
Unity Church, Unitarian. Church
street, Montclair. Sunday, December
31, Rev. Arthur W. Clark of Ayer, Mass.
will preach. Subject, "The Way of
Life called Blessed." Morning service
begins at 10.45. The seats are free
and all are welcome.

Sunday Services.
Until further notice the services at
Ascension Chapel (Episcopal), corner
Montgomery and Berkeley avenues,
will be as follows:
8 A. M., Holy Communion, except first
Sunday in month; 10.30 A. M., morning
prayer and sermon, first Sunday in
month; Holy Communion, 3 P. M., Sun-
day-school, 7.30 P. M., service of song;
8 P. M., evening prayer and sermon.

Bloomfield Mission.
Glenwood Avenue, near Centre. Sun-
day-school at 3.30 P. M. Gospel service
on Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock.

Silver Lake Union Chapel.
Franklin street, corner Belmont Ave-
nue. Sabbath services: Sunday-school,
9 P. M. Preaching, 8 P. M. Week-day
prayer meeting, Thursday evening 8
P. M. Everybody welcome.

St. John's Lutheran Church.
Corner Liberty Street and Austin
Place. Rev. B. A. Steininger, pastor.
Services 10.45 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sun-
day-school at 2 P. M. Ladies' Aik
Society first Sabbath of every month
at 3 P. M. Junior Society last Thurs-
day of every month at 7.45 P. M.

BROOKDALE REFORMED.
Rev. W. E. Bogardus, Pastor. Sun-
day services: Sabbath school at 9.45
A. M.; preaching services at 10.45 A. M.;
Christian Endeavor at 7.15 P. M.;
prayer services at 8.00 P. M. Prayer
meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.00
o'clock.

BROOKDALE BAPTIST.
Rev. J. H. Brittain, pastor. Sabbath
preaching services at 3.15 P. M.; Sun-
day-school at 2.00 P. M.; prayer-mes-
s, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

PROTECT your securities and val-
uable papers against FIRE and
BURGLARS by renting a box in the
Safe Deposit Vaults of The Bloomfield
National Bank. Boxes to rent at \$4.00
per year and upwards—Ask.

THEOLOGY, Religion, Righteousness.

TALK TO MY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASSES.
No rational man but believes in a
power superior to that of man. Those
who name that power God differ widely
as to His characteristics. Some of the
writers of the Old Testament,
seeking to turn men to righteousness
by the force of fear, present strange
views of the Creator, representing Him
as cursing Cain, his own
creature (Gen. 4, 11); as laughing at
the calamity of men and mocking at
their fear, like an earthly fiend (Prov.
1, 25, 37). Even more terrible are some
of the Biblical pictures of God. Exactly
the reverse are the characteristics set
down by other Bible writers.

Those who are thoroughly familiar
with their Bible easily call to mind
that some of the writers represent God
as unchangeable—"the same yesterday,
to-day and forever." Others represent
Him as ever changing, like an unstable
man, pleased with His creation to-day
and in an attitude of acceptance, grieved
and even implacable views could be
either the various theologies of the
past, even down to this present time.

Happy, calling a man of strong
character honest or dishonest does not
change the man. Still more happily,
God is not changed by the varying
theologies of all the ages. Friends
have bitterly quarrelled, churches have
been torn asunder, and nations have
been in war over theology. Yet no man
believes God has been changed thereby.
The sorrow of it all is, that men and
women and children are so many of
them plunged into bitter misery over
such utterly futile controversies.

And yet theology of the right sort
gives men that "peace that passeth
understanding." That is, it passes the
understanding of those of the other
theology. Some men unwaveringly
believe that God planned His creation
to pass through just the experiences it
is passing through. They further be-
lieve that His plan has never been
interrupted or thwarted in the least
particular. They further believe that
all that whatever was planned will be
completely accomplished. Such men
are never depressed about the outcome
of creation. They meet the adventures
of life with supreme courage, for there
is not a scintilla of doubt in their faith.
It never wavers—money, power, social
position, fame, gratitude or ingratitude
at benefactors, accident, sickness,
physical death, all of these are parts of
the Infinite Plan. Therefore they are
not disturbed by the "perfect peace."

Other men hold a theology that puts
down the "Fall of Man" as an interrup-
tion of God's intention at the very
outset. They see in every cloud on
personal or social or national history a
something contrary to God's plan. Such
a man has no "peace." His life may
be righteous, even in abundant fulness,
but he is ever troubled about the final
outcome, for he thinks he sees a con-
stant overthrowing of God's intention
every day of his life. He calls every-
thing evil that at present produces pain,
or sorrow, or disappointment. There-
fore he is not a man of courage. He is
weak because he is full of fear.
"Peace" is a stranger to his experience
because of the unexplained items in his
path, devoting that which God did not
intend they should devour.

These are the two theologies of to-
day, and these their results in the
experience of men both in and out of
the church, both in and out of the
prison cell. To the writer, the evi-
dence are strongly cumulative that
the theology of courage, confidence,
and peace is steadily growing in all
civilized countries. It is his grief that
the theology of discouragement, doubt
and fear is still preached from many
pulpits, and that it troubles many
righteous lives that ought to be strong,
and bright, and hopeful.

So much for theology. Could religion
be as briefly written as it were well, if
one dare to present but two theologies,
yet the same daring would call for a
score of religions, providing the term
is used in that sense that gives us as
some of the chief religions: Eudhisto-
tic, Pagan, Romanistic, Mohammedan,
Protestant, Greek, and Jewish. The
theme is too large and too useless. If
Christ be right, then, however much
all of these "religions" may differ in cere-
monials, in beliefs, in doctrines, each
and every man, woman and child in-
cluded among them all is one of God's
creatures, upon whom He bestows
unfailing love and care, and whom He
holds responsible for righteousness,
according to the light He has given—
no more, no less.

Therefore religion, in the sense of
differing rites, doctrines and beliefs, is
one of the most useless of all themes.
One might change his religion every
year and yet in no sense change his
actual responsibility to God, or to his
fellow man, any more than does a
change of residence or of dress.
That element of religion that is of
more importance than all others is
Righteousness. A man's theology is a
source of peace, and therefore of
strength and of power; or it is a source
of doubt, and therefore of weakness and
of unrest. He may have great peace
and yet little of righteousness. All of
my readers probably know just such
persons. Again, he may be weak in
faith, full of doubt and fear, and yet
live a life of great righteousness, clean

and kind as few men are. Some of my
readers may know such persons.
If one has the power of righteousness
and the power of peace, then is he a
potent force moving mankind pow-
erfully toward better things: Higher
hope, fuller force, purer kindness,
unwavering faithfulness, steady pur-
pose.
If one has not peace, then all his
righteousness can do little toward lift-
ing others out of doubt or fear or weak-
ness. Oh! for men and women strong
in the theology that God had a definite
plan in His creation, and strong in the
belief that His plan has never been
thwarted in any particular.

F. W. HEWES.

Letter Carriers and Holiday Trade.
The holiday week has been the most
trying time that the post-office force has
had to combat with since free delivery
was established. Tuesday of last week
there was an occasional reminder in the
shape of sundry packages that Christ-
mas with all its cheer was approaching.
The next day was followed by a deluge,
which kept increasing, but the letter
carriers kept buckled to it, and they had
the satisfaction each night of seeing
their desks, and it did seem as if there
might be something of a let up on
Christmas Day; but when over thirty
sacks and pouches, heavily laden with
gifts for our people, were dumped into
the office on Monday morning, visions
of the carriers taking dinner with their
families melted into thin air. That it
was a herculean task they had before
them can be realized when it is known
that it was high noon before they had
systematically arranged their routes
and started out to distribute the favors
among the people. Meet all of the car-
riers had to hire teams to carry their
loads (which they did at their own ex-
pense). While on holidays they only
make one trip, the carriers were busily
occupied from ten to fourteen hours on
Christmas Day. Any one who had the
opportunity to see what they had to
contend with, could not fail to give
due credit to the clerks and carriers
for the manner in which they handled
the large mass of mail. Knowing these
facts, it cannot but make us all feel
kindly to those who come so close to
us in our daily lives. In addition,
there were upwards of 400 pieces of
registered mail handled during the
holiday week, each of which had to be
signed for by the party receiving it.

Now it does seem to us that with all
the prosperity this country has enjoyed,
Uncle Sam should do something for these
men. Prices of all commodities have
advanced; the cost of living has very
materially increased, yet the compensa-
tion of these men remains the same as
it was many years ago. Especially is
this hard upon the carriers of second-
class post offices, as while their home-
labor are the same, and they are doing
the same amount of work as the men in
first-class offices, yet their compensation
is \$150 less per year than their favored
brethren of first-class cities. An illus-
tration of this can be had on the border
lines between Newark and Orange. A
carrier walks down one side of the street
carrying \$1,000 per year, the carrier on
the other side getting only \$850 per year.
Simple justice should at least prompt
our lawmakers to so change the laws
that all carriers performing the same
kind of service should be put upon an
equality and receive the same compensa-
tion.

Our best wishes go with the letter
carriers of Bloomfield, and if they did
not have a merry Christmas, let us see
to it that they have a very happy New
Year.
During the month of December in
order to demonstrate the value of its
service the New York and New Jersey
Telephone Company will arrange to give
a free trial of telephone exchange ser-
vice in residences in the Montclair and
Bloomfield exchanges. A free trial of
extension station service in residences
or business places is also offered. Ap-
plication may be made for this service
to District Manager L. C. Hall, 9 Bald-
win street, West Orange, N. J.—Advt.

PORTRAITS
For Now and All
the Time.
VOLLMER
Bloomfield Centre Studio.

The Park Store
CHOICE GROCERIES.
Fruits and Vegetables.
Also Hay, Feed and Stable Supplies.

HEALY & JENSEN,
170 Broad Street, Cor. Belleville Avenue.
Telephone 1128. BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Richards K. Schuyler,
Real Estate, Fire and Liability Insurance.
OFFICE: 577 Bloomfield Avenue.
RESIDENCE: 312 Belleville Avenue,
BLOOMFIELD, N. J.
Appointed Attorney by the Honorable Secretary of
the Interior to act on all pension claims including the age
order, under which all veterans of 62 years and upwards are
entitled to pensions without examination.
Agent for the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corpora-
tion Limited of London, England.

BLOOMFIELD TRUST CO.

No. 1 BROAD STREET, Bloomfield, N. J.

3 PER CENT. Interest on Deposits
4 PER CENT. Subject to Check.
on Time Deposits.

LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR TOWN AND COUNTY MONIES, COURT AND TRUST FUNDS.
Accounts of All Kinds Solicited.

DIRECTORS.
Allison Dodd,
Edwin M. Ward,
A. R. Brewer,
William H. White,
Edward D. Farmer.
John M. Van Winkle,
N. Harvey Dodd,
Edward Oakes,
John Sherman,
Chas. R. Underwood.

"D-lighto"

THE DESSERT MAKER
Formerly Known as "Desserts"
"D-lighto" At All Grocers, 10 cts.

F. A. WEBER,
DEALER IN
DELICATESSEN
IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC GOODS,
BOLOGNAS, CHEESE AND HAM.
Also fine Blotmark and Pickled Herring.
44 Broad St. Bloomfield, N. J.

Holiday Candy.
Large Supply of All Grades.
Lowney's and Sparrow's
Chocolates
IN FANCY PACKAGES.
All Kinds of Confectionery.
John Moglia, Jr.,
14 BROAD STREET, Bloomfield, N. J.

Miss Cornelia D. Milner.
DEALER IN
Pianos and Organs,
Bloomfield, New Jersey.
Pianos shipped direct from factory. Low-
est prices and easiest terms.
Represent Agent for the Oldest Piano House
in New York City. Old instruments taken in
exchange, rented and sold on time payments.
259 Walnut St. Bloomfield, N. J.

MISS ANNIE VAN TASSEL,
INSTRUCTOR OF PIANO FORTE
Season Begins September 18
For terms, etc., apply at
91 LINDEN AVENUE,
BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

CHAS. W. SMITH,
AUTOMOBILE STATION.
25-27 BROAD STREET. Phone 135-a.

REMNANT STORE.
J. E. WILLIAMS CHAS. A. WILLIAMS ANSON A. VOORHEES
J. E. WILLIAMS & CO.
MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS OF
Cotton and Woolen Dress Goods
AND DRESSMAKERS' SUPPLIES.
J. E. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Clairmont Avenue and Clairmont Place,
VERONA, N. J.
Free Delivery in Montclair, Bloomfield and the Oranges.
ERNEST A. MORSH,
PLUMBER
Jobbing Promptly Attended to.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.....
Office at Phillips' Discount Bicycle Store.
Phone 27-B. Bloomfield Ave., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Zero Weather

The raw biting winter winds have no terrors for
the home which has a Gas heater to its list
of necessities. You need no longer get up and
dress in a cold room. Light the heater and the
room will be comfortable in five minutes. We are selling
these heaters for \$1.50, with tubing
and connections free. You won't
mind the cold outside if your
home is warm and cozy within.

Gas Department
PUBLIC SERVICE

SKATES,
60c to \$6.00 per pair.
Key Hockey Skates, 1.50 per pair
FULL NICKEL PLATE.
Hockey Sticks, Hockey Pucks,
Sweaters, Jerseys, Etc.
Skates Ground While You Wait.

CHAS. W. SMITH,
AUTOMOBILE STATION.
25-27 BROAD STREET. Phone 135-a.

REMNANT STORE.
J. E. WILLIAMS CHAS. A. WILLIAMS ANSON A. VOORHEES
J. E. WILLIAMS & CO.
MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS OF
Cotton and Woolen Dress Goods
AND DRESSMAKERS' SUPPLIES.
J. E. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Clairmont Avenue and Clairmont Place,
VERONA, N. J.
Free Delivery in Montclair, Bloomfield and the Oranges.
ERNEST A. MORSH,
PLUMBER
Jobbing Promptly Attended to.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.....
Office at Phillips' Discount Bicycle Store.
Phone 27-B. Bloomfield Ave., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

J. E. WILLIAMS & CO.
MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS OF
Cotton and Woolen Dress Goods
AND DRESSMAKERS' SUPPLIES.
J. E. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Clairmont Avenue and Clairmont Place,
VERONA, N. J.
Free Delivery in Montclair, Bloomfield and the Oranges.
ERNEST A. MORSH,
PLUMBER
Jobbing Promptly Attended to.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.....
Office at Phillips' Discount Bicycle Store.
Phone 27-B. Bloomfield Ave., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.